

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-12. (cancelled).

13. (previously presented) A photographic one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprising:

- a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,
- b) a thiosulphate fixing agent, and
- c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation wherein the liquid concentrate has to be diluted with water before use.

14. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said source of phosphate ions is present in an amount sufficient to form a storage-stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate.

15. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said concentrate has a pH value of between 4 and 9.

16. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said source of phosphate ions is an inorganic phosphate or a phosphoric acid.

17. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 16, wherein said phosphate salt is a member selected from the group consisting of trisodium phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium dihydrogen phosphate, tripotassium phosphate, dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, triammonium phosphate, diammonium hydrogen phosphate and ammonium dihydrogen phosphate.

18. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 16, including a pH modifying substance, wherein said pH modifying substance is a member selected from the group consisting of an acid, an alkali and a buffer substance.
19. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 18, wherein said pH modifying substance is said organic acid.
20. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 18, wherein said acid is selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid and sulfuric acid.
21. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 19 wherein said organic acid is maleic acid.
22. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said iron (III) compound is selected from the group consisting of iron (III) salts and iron (III) complexes of aminopolycarboxylic acid.
23. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 22, wherein said iron (III) aminopolycarboxylic complex is ferric ammonium EDTA.
24. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said thiosulfate salt is ammonium thiosulfate.
- 25- 27. (Cancelled)

28. (previously presented) A one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprising:
- a) a ferric carboxylic acid complex bleaching agent,
 - b) a thiosulfate fixing agent, and
 - c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and to form a storage stable one-part bleach-fix liquid that has to be diluted with water before use and said concentrate having a pH value of between 5 and 6.5.
29. (previously presented) A method for stabilizing a one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprising:
- a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,
 - b) a thiosulfate fixing agent, and
 - c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and,
- which method comprises the steps of introducing a source of phosphate ions into said concentrate in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation, wherein that liquid concentrate has to be diluted with water before use.
30. (previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein said source of phosphate ions is present in an amount sufficient to form a storage-stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate.
31. (previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein method comprises the step of maintaining said concentrate at a pH value of between 4 and 9.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein said source of phosphate ions is an inorganic phosphate or a phosphoric acid.
33. (previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein said phosphate salt is a member selected from the group consisting of trisodium phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium dihydrogen phosphate, tripotassium phosphate, dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, triammonium phosphate, diammonium hydrogen phosphate and ammonium dihydrogen phosphate.
34. (previously presented) The method of claim 29, including a pH modifying substance wherein said pH modifying substance is a member selected from the group consisting of an acid, an alkali and a buffer substance.
35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said pH modifying substance is said organic acid.
36. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said acid is selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid and sulfuric acid.
37. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein said organic acid is maleic acid.
38. (previously presented) A photographic processing kit comprising a one-part bleach fix concentrate, said concentrate comprising:
- a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,
 - b) a thiosulfate fixing agent, and

c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and to form a storage stable one-part bleach fix liquid concentrate that has to be diluted with water before use, said concentrate having a pH value of between about 4 and about 7.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (previously presented) A process for regenerating a bleach-fix bath which comprises diluting a photographic one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate with water before use for regenerating the bleach-fix bath and wherein said one part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprises:

- a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,
- b) a thiosulphate fixing agent, and
- c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation.

41. (New) A process for regenerating a bleach-fix bath which comprises regenerating a photographic one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate wherein said one part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprises:

- a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,
- b) a thiosulphate fixing agent, and
- c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation.